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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN CENTURYTEL REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN A FEW OF ITS EXCHANGES

JEFFERSON CITY--CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC has filed a petition seeking competitive classification in a few of its exchanges in Missouri. In its request, CenturyTel is seeking to classify all of its residential services, other than exchange access service, for the Bourbon, Branson, Columbia, Dardenne, O'Fallon, St. Peters and Wentzville exchanges as competitive. In addition, CenturyTel requests competitive classification of all of its business services, other than exchange access service, in the Bourbon, Columbia, Cuba, Dardenne, O'Fallon, St. James, St. Peters and Wentzville. Under a new state law (SB 237), the Commission must reach a decision on this request within 30 days.

Applications to intervene and participate in this proceeding must be filed on or before September 16, 2005, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Larry W. Dority, Fischer & Dority, P.C., 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230.

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